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Upstate Joint Council Links 4 Local Units

Teamsters Benefit from Organization Plans Proposed by Flynn

Organization of a new Teamsters' Joint Council in the northern part of the state and enlargement of Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69 were effected during the last month, strengthening greatly the positions of Indiana members of the Teamsters' union.

The new joint council is No. 75, which has as its member locals No. 364 of South Bend, No. 414 of Fort Wayne, No. 298 of LaPorte, Michigan City and Benton Harbor, and No. 141 of South Bend.

A total of 12 locals now are affiliated with the Indianapolis Joint Council, including the five Indianapolis locals, and Local No. 417 of Richmond, Local No. 369 of Muncie, Local No. 543 of Lafayette, Local No. 144 of Terre Haute, Local No. 147 of Bloomington, and Local No. 694 of Crothersville.

Flynn Stressed Need

Inspiration for the organization and enlargement efforts came from Brother Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to General President Daniel J. Tobin.

Brother Flynn, stressing a need for local unions in the state to co-ordinate their efforts to a greater extent than they have in the past, urged that Joint Council No. 75 be organized and that additional locals affiliate with Joint Council No. 69.

He will present a charter to Joint Council No. 75 and will install its officers at a meeting June 26 in the Oliver Hotel in South Bend.

Biggs Is President

Brother Walter E. Biggs, president of Local No. 364, has been elected president of the new joint council.

Other officers are: Brother Alton P. Hess, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 414 and president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, vice-president; Brother George B. Campbell, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 364, recording secretary; Brother Robert Summers, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 298, trustee; Brother Robert Wynkoop, president of Local No. 414, trustee, and Brother Alfred Brown, of Local No. 141, trustee.

The establishment of the new organization brings the total number of Teamsters' joint councils in Indiana to three. Lake county has its own joint council, with Local No. 842 of Hammond, Local No. 142 of Gary and Local No. 520 of East Chicago being affiliated.

Off to the Plaza Dedication



Shown as they boarded an American Airlines plane in Indianapolis to fly to Chicago, where they participated in the dedication of the Victory Plaza, are (left to right) Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to Mr. Tobin, and John M. Gillespie, general secretary-treasurer of the International.

Reorganization of Bloomington Local Is Aimed at More Efficient Operation

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—With a view to obtaining greater operating efficiency and an increase in membership, Bloomington Local Union No. 147 is being completely reorganized.

Directing the reorganization efforts are Brother Albert Tyree, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69, and Brother J. M. Casey, general organizer, office of General President Daniel J. Tobin.

Ridge Is Agent

Brother Max Ridge, a graduate of Indiana University and a member of Local No. 147, has been employed as business agent of the local, and the local's new office stenographer is Miss Delma Shields. New officers for the local will be elected soon at a joint meeting in Bedford of the Bloomington and Bedford members of the local.

Many Give Help

Among those who have given help are Brothers Emmett J. Williams, Johnnie Baker, Fred Marshall, Bruce Travis, Chesley Hill and Robert McLain. Mrs.

Tobin Warns That War Effort Interference Must Be Halted

General President, Speaking at Chicago's Victory Plaza Dedication, Urges Congress to Adjourn; Hits Isolationist Press

CHICAGO, Ill.—A solemn warning that the American public will not tolerate additional interference with the war effort by the United Mine Workers, Congress and the isolationist press, was issued here by Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Speaking at the dedication of Chicago's new Victory Plaza, which was donated to the city by the Chicago Joint Teamsters' Council No. 25 as a tribute to 7,500 members of the council who are serving in the armed forces, Mr. Tobin said he was satisfied that the members of the United Mine Workers will not cease work again for the duration of the war.

Praises the Miners

Mr. Tobin gave high praise to the miners for contributions which they have made to the war effort, emphasizing that many of them have sons and daughters in the armed forces; that they, like all other true Americans, want to give full co-operation to the war effort to help speed the day of victory.

"The American people and the government have the right to insist and demand that every individual do his part of the job toward winning the war," Mr. Tobin declared. "The people will not stand for anyone who does not."

Mr. Tobin charged that criticism of the war effort and of the working people by the isolationist press had done more to hinder the war effort than anything else.

Urges Congress to Adjourn

And Mr. Tobin had this to say about Congress:

"It would be well if that body adjourned for a year to give President Roosevelt and the people who toil a chance to win the war."

This statement, coming a short time after Congress had passed the disguised Ruml pay-as-you-go income tax bill, aimed at digging deeply into the pocketbooks of working people, and permitting large-scale war profiteering by the nation's high-income groups, startled, and yet impressed, Mr. Tobin's vast Chicago audience.

Flynn, Gillespie Attend

Thomas E. Flynn, the executive assistant to Mr. Tobin, and John M. Gillespie, the general secretary-treasurer of the International, accompanied Mr. Tobin to Chicago from Indianapolis to attend the dedication ceremonies, making the trip by airliner.

The Victory Plaza will be a rallying point for the duration of the war for patriotic groups.

The Joint Council, which has invested \$10,000,000 in War Bonds, was commended highly during the ceremonies by local, state and national leaders for the all-out assistance it has given the nation's war program.

Sergt. Emmett Longstaff, Local 135 Member, Missing in Action

Sergt. Emmett Longstaff, a bombardier of the Royal Canadian Air Force and a member of Local Union No. 135 of Indianapolis, has been missing in action for the last five weeks in the European war theater.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Longstaff of Indianapolis, and the nephew of Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 135 and president of Indianapolis Joint Council of Teamsters No. 69, Sergt. Longstaff was aboard one of 600 large bombers which made a mass raid on Germany. His plane and 54 others did not return from the mission.

Saw Much Action

It was on December 8, 1941, the day after the sneak Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, that Sergt. Longstaff enlisted in the RCAF. Prior to the time he was listed as missing, he participated in many bombings of the European continent, being attached to the Royal Air Force.

Sergt. Longstaff became a member of Local No. 135 in 1939 when he returned to Indianapolis from Los Angeles, Calif., where he lived for several years and was a member of the Milk Drivers Union. He



SERG. EMMETT LONGSTAFF

was employed as a driver by the Commercial Motor Freight Company at the time of his enlistment.

Before going to California, Sergt. Longstaff was well-known as an amateur boxer. He participated in several Golden Glove tournaments.

He has three sisters, Miss Esther Longstaff, Miss Lois Jean Longstaff and Miss Loretta Longstaff, all of Indianapolis.

EMPLOYERS SWING INTO LINE UNDER COUNCIL PRESSURE

Some of the employers in the freight business have been straightened out by the Central States Drivers' Council.

Pressure placed on four truck lines by the Council, with the help of representatives of local unions affiliated with Council, reaped results recently when two of the companies settled all back pay claims and decided to observe all terms and conditions of the area contract, while indications were given that the two other truck lines soon would fall into line.

Brother Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135, who is the Indiana representative on the Council, announced that members of Local No. 135 and Evansville Local No. 215 who are employed by the Hancock Motor Freight Company and the Globe Cartage Company had received back pay payments totaling \$16,250.00.

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Crucial Months Are Ahead

The next few months will have much to say about the future of America and of free labor.

Momentous decisions will be reached on the battlefields, in Congress and among the membership of labor unions.

One thing is certain—every true American must do everything in his power to make the next few months count heavily in favor of the allied nations.

We can't do this if we fail to buy all of the War Bonds that we possibly can, or if we do not give our complete support to all activities important to the war effort.

Enemies of organized labor are certain to seize upon every opportunity during the crucial months ahead to take advantage of labor; to endeavor to slow up labor's contribution to the war effort by promoting restrictive legislation and by inspiring strikes.

Members of the Teamsters' union must stick to their no-strike guns. Some of the members may think that they have good reasons for wanting to strike, but these reasons must be cast by the wayside until the war is won. After all, if we lose this war, most of us won't be allowed to live long enough to stage a strike.

As to restrictive legislation, labor must do everything it can to see that it is defeated. One of the best ways for labor to invite restrictions is to fail to co-operate fully with the war program.

The Teamsters' union is justly proud of its record so far in this war. Let's keep up the good work.

AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY!



LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

LOCAL NO. 520 MEETS AT 8:00 P. M. ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 4616 INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD, EAST CHICAGO, IND.

RAISE YOUR SIGHTS

By Elsie Robinson

"For a man is as tall as the sight he takes and as weak and as false as the aim he makes."

"Raise your sights
"For some of us fail
"Before we've begun
"Because we have never
"Aimed true with our gun
"Or raised our sights
"Honest and well.

"Stop fretting over yesterday that failed. Stop brooding over today that's flunked. Stop feeling sunk because you think tomorrow's in the dump. Just grab that gun and raise your sights—and yell—to hell with panty waists who quit before they're hit."

I believe Elsie Robinson was thinking of us Teamsters when she wrote about raising your sights.

Brother Ray Shellbarger of Lake Cities Concrete, was injured seriously on the eve of his induction into the United States Marine Corps when he either fell or was knocked from his motorcycle in Hammond.

Suffering from a skull fracture, he was taken to St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond where his condition is fair.

Tough luck, old boy, and we all are wishing you a speedy recovery.

Marie, our office girl, is back on the job, claiming that Swedes are too tough to die. In the town which she came from they had to shoot six men to start a graveyard, she says.

Brother Paul Mohler, who resigned recently as president of Local No. 520, made many new friends during his short term in office and we all hate to see him leave us.

Brother Rellen Kottka of Certified Concrete has left for the army.

Brother Bob Schrieber of Powers and Thompson, came in second in his argument with the local gendarme. It cost him \$6. Better luck next time, Bob. You may get by for only \$5.

Haven't heard anything from Washington yet in regard to the Bread Drivers' contract.

We have drafted a new contract for the oil drivers, both local and transport, and have sent them to the bosses.

We are still working on the Lake Cities contract, and also one covering the McKeown Transportation Company employees.

Brother Frank Potesak of Lake Cities Concrete, is in the race for the job as Republican member of the school board. Hope you make it, Frank. All members of Local No. 520 should contact their respective councilmen in regard to Brother Potesak's campaign.

LOCAL NO. 520 PURCHASED ANOTHER \$1,500.00 WAR BOND AT ITS LAST MEETING. HAVE YOU PURCHASED AN EXTRA BOND THIS MONTH?

BOATS SAIL HIGHWAYS

One of the oddest long distance highway transportation jobs involves the transportation of boats from coast to coast over the longest regular route in the country from Jacksonville, Florida, to San Francisco, California, a distance of 2,750 miles. Several 55-foot tugs already have been hauled by motor vehicle from Jacksonville to the west coast for service in the Pacific.

The Workings of Democracy

By RUTH TAYLOR

Under the strain and stress of the moment, when events of world-shaking import are taking place with every tick of the clock, impatient souls are grumbling at the slow workings of democracy. They say it cannot function properly and are all for taking it apart and putting it together again according to some plan of their own. They speak of democracy as though it were but the blueprint of some intricate machine which, with clock-like precision, should turn out articles alike to the shading of a hair.

But democracy is not a blueprint or a machine—not even a machine in the political sense. Democracy is a way of life which stems from the individual. It is the method by which he learns to live amicably with his neighbor. It is the formula which civilized and free people have found most useful in working out the great problem of human relations.

Democracy is the way of revolution by evolution. It is the only way to overcome the slavery of want, the slavery of ignorance, the slavery of discrimination—whether it be of class, creed or color. In it lies the solution to all of our problems, for democracy depends upon the will of the people—which is but the will and the courage of many individuals banded together.

Democracy is the way of action. It is not static. Its growth is slow but never ceasing. It is not based upon tradition alone. Democracy is the way to do the things that must be done. It must always move ahead. Democracy is the traffic rule of life. It adapts itself to the exigencies of the road. Its green and red lights are spaced on the traffic changes of the time.

Democracy is the way of justice. Racial or religious discrimination, class hatreds, group pressure are all breaches of democracy, are flaws in the road that must and will be corrected in the course of time. The way may be long and hard, but the democratic way will prevail in the end!

Democracy being a way and not an arbitrary law has flaws—many of them. But those mistakes are man-made and can be corrected by the will of the majority. What rights the majority have can be retained by them only if they allow the same rights to the minority. Because the majority wants free speech, they must allow it to the minority. The right of argument is open to the minority and majority alike.

Democracy, like Christianity, is a way that must be followed to be proved. We know that it works in a crisis, unwieldy though it may seem to the outsider compared to the quick arbitrary actions of the dictators. But, though we were unarmed, unmaned, and unprepared for war, yet when it came, our men in arms, our men and women in the production lines and on the home front showed the world that a democracy could do in months what the aggressor nations took years to accomplish!

Democracy works in war. Democracy will also work in peace if we as individuals follow its way and help it work!

No Hope Seen for Bricker

Maybe Senator Taft thinks that Americans have lost their senses and will elect as President a glorified question mark like Governor Bricker in a time of world crisis, when all humanity flounders and gasps for a leader.

But we don't. We think that Bricker will still be side-stepping on the streets of Columbus when next inauguration day rolls around.—The Ohio Teamster.

REMEMBER OUR DEADLINE

Don't forget that news for publication in THE INDIANA TEAMSTER must be submitted by the 5th day of each month.

THE INDIANA TEAMSTER appreciates greatly all contributions of news, poems, jokes, gossip, and nearly everything else.

And remember that when you help the paper by sending in items for publication you do all of the other Teamsters in the state a favor.

Send your news contributions to the secretary of your local or to whoever has been designated by your local to serve as a reporter for THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. If you wish, you may send your copy directly to the Editor, 28 West North Street, Indianapolis.



"According to plan we were supposed to shake hands with Rommel at Afghanistan's border at 3 o'clock this afternoon."

The Poet's Corner

CALLING ALL LABOR
By VIRGIL GOODWIN
Member of Indianapolis Local
Union No. 233

And if our lines should form and
break
Because of things you failed to
make—
The extra tank or plane,
For which we waited in vain,
And supplies that never came,
Will you then come and take the
blame,
For we, not you, will pay the cost
Of battles you, not we, have lost.



Local No. 759 Members Rescue Many Victims of Flood Waters

KOKOMO, Ind.—When flood waters swept into Kokomo, Logansport, Peru and Wabash recently, members of Teamsters' Local Union No. 759 went into action in all four cities, rescuing many flood victims from their homes.

The Teamsters co-operated with Civilian Defense Councils in the stricken areas, winning high praise from civilian defense leaders.

NEWS BULLETIN FROM LOCAL 543

By GLEN H. RABANUS

LOCAL NO. 543 MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH IN LAFAYETTE, AND ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN FRANKFORT. DAIRY EMPLOYEES MEET ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

We are starting negotiations for a new city freight agreement to replace the one which expires July 1, 1943. We also are working on a new furniture agreement, as the present agreement expires at the same time.

Negotiations are under way for a contract covering Goodland employees of Sherman White & Company.

Brother Emmett Payne, a driver at Gilbert's, is back home after serving in the armed forces for 18 months, 10 of them in the Pacific war theater. He was given a medical discharge. "It is a pleasure to be home again," he says.

Brother Ivan C. Grenat, our former president, sends word that he is taking up the baking trade.

All over-the-road drivers who haven't paid their 1943 assessment to the Central States Drivers' Council, and are unable to see the business agent, should contact their steward before July 1, 1943.

BUY WAR BONDS AND LOTS OF THEM.

The 54 billion passenger-miles traveled by Americans on trains in 1942 was an all-time high.

Buy More WAR BONDS

PRACTICE FOR INVASION



—Official U. S. Marine Corps photo, released by WFB Labor Press Service.

At a South Pacific Marine base, an M-3 tank takes to shallow water from its landing barge in practice landing operations in maneuvers. The tank treads water shoreward to simulate combat landings where tanks often "swim for themselves." More earth-bound are the planes, which will have to be carried ashore from the barges.

WLB Disputes Panel Positions Given Biggs, Williams and Houze

MEMBER OF EVANSVILLE LOCAL No. 215 ENJOYS READING PAPER AT ARMY CAMP

Here is a letter just received by the editor of *The Indiana Teamster* from Private First Class Elza G. Schott, a member of Evansville Local No. 215, who is serving in the Army:

"Dear Sir:

"I am a member of Local Union No. 215 of Evansville, Ind. I joined the armed forces in November, 1942, but I still receive my issue of *THE INDIANA TEAMSTER*. I am very glad to receive it.

"I have been driving since I came into the Army. I am married and have a son who is four years old. Hope we all will be home some time in the near future.

"Thumbs up for us all. I remain,

"A Member,

"PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELZA G. SCHOTT.

"Benicia Arsenal,

"Benicia, California.

LOCAL 520 ELECTS KUBISZ PRESIDENT

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—Brother Walter Kubisz, an employee of Certified Concrete, has been elected president of Local No. 520, succeeding Brother Paul Mohler, who was unable to carry on as president because of a promotion he received at the Calumet Laundry.

Brother Kubisz defeated Brother Ed Turner, an employee of the Koppers Company, in a race for the presidency.

Give us, Oh, give us the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time—he will do it better—he will persevere longer.—Carlyle.

Teamsters in Charge Of Jap Submarine

Two teamsters, Claude Clausley and Robert Trutner, members of Teamsters and Auto Truck Drivers Local Union No. 70 of Oakland, Calif., presently in the service of the United States Army, are escorting the two-man midget Jap sub, which was captured at Pearl Harbor, around the country in the interest of the United States Treasury Department's War Bond Drive.

In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

LOCAL NO. 759 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, 512 EAST SYCAMORE STREET, KOKOMO, IND.

Our contract with the Simon Brothers Warehouse in Peru, which had been held up since last October, has been approved by the War Labor Board with a 3 cents per hour increase being provided. The pay increase is retroactive to October. All of the back pay payments have been made to the employees.

At present, the Coal Drivers contract and the City Freight contract are the only ones which have not been completed.

Wayne Clelland is back from service and is working again as a member of Local No. 759.

The payroll for employees of the Armour Company has been checked by Mr. Cooney, field examiner for the NLRB, and arrangements are being made to verify the membership so that we can enter into negotiations with the company immediately.

The office of Local No. 759 went through a house cleaning siege during the last week. The walls have been painted and things are looking much brighter in more ways than one.

Three Indiana officials of the Teamsters' union have been appointed as members of the Regional War Labor Board's dispute panels which serve to bring about peaceful settlements of labor disputes in four states.

They are Brother Walter E. Biggs, president of South Bend Local No. 364; Brother Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local No. 135, and Brother Russell T. Houze, president of Indianapolis Local No. 193.

To Conduct Hearings

The three men will be called upon to serve along with representatives of industry and the general public on tripartite panels which conduct hearings at which the employer and the labor union involved in a dispute have an opportunity to present their respective cases.

The panel members consider the evidence presented, make findings of facts, and then submit recommendations to the Regional War Labor Board for a final decision and settlement of the dispute.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LOCAL NO. 193 WILL NOT BE HELD IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. SPECIAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WHEN NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEGOTIATING OF NEW CONTRACTS. NOTICES OF SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE POSTED ON THE COMPANY BULLETIN BOARDS.

Local No. 193 has completed negotiations with the Exchange Furniture Company for a new contract, and it has been submitted to the War Labor Board for approval.

The International office of the Clerks Protective Union has sent a representative to Indianapolis to organize the employees of downtown stores. Local No. 193 will work hand in hand with the organizer and give all of its support to get the job done. Local No. 193 will benefit from the campaign by obtaining the drivers, helpers and warehousemen of the various stores as members.

Congratulations to Brother Russell T. Houze, president of Local No. 193, who has been appointed as a panel member of the Regional War Labor Board.

BUY MORE BONDS TO BOMB THE AXIS.

Slangy Remarks

(Editor's Note—Here's more help for the fellow just starting the truck-driving business who doesn't know what the old-timers are talking about.)

When a Teamster Says—

"Punctured Lung"
"Cackle Grate"
"Cowboy"
"Sweatshop"

"Crash Wagon"
"White Collar Man"

He Means—

"Leaky Radiator"
"Poultry Transport Truck"
"Reckless Driver"
"Truck That's Bullet-Proof With Little Ventilation"
"Ambulance"
"Driver Who Handles Clean Merchandise"

(Come on, Teamsters. Let's keep this guide to truck drivers' slang up to date. Send your latest expressions and their meanings to the editor, *THE INDIANA TEAMSTER*, 28 West North Street, Indianapolis.)

Labor Press Lauded

The labor newspapers of the U. S. have been cited by Rear Admiral C. H. Woodward of the U. S. Navy for conducting successful campaigns to reduce absenteeism in factories and shipyards.

Editors of the labor press also were urged by Woodward to conduct industrial safety campaigns to reduce accidents, which he said, "cost the U. S. more lives in the first year of this war than the navy, marines and coast guards lost in battle."

Tank Trucks Help Keep War Planes in the Air

WASHINGTON—Millions of gallons of high-octane gasoline needed every day to keep the rapidly-growing numbers of war planes in the air are being delivered on a round-the-clock schedule to hundreds of military air fields throughout the country by tank trucks, leaving railroad tank cars free for longer hauls.

This was revealed here by Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, who paid high tribute to the work of tank truck drivers. The drivers, he said, are moving many other vital war materials in addition to gasoline and are doing it in a highly efficient manner.

AFL Union Chosen By Aluminum Group

LAFAYETTE—Employees of the Aluminum Corporation of America plant here registered a definite majority for the American Federation of Labor at an election held to choose a collective bargaining representative, Pat McCartney, AFL spokesman, announced. The vote was 1,898 for the AFL, 1,764 for the CIO.

"Greasing the Skids"



—Courtesy Philco Corporation, released by WFB Labor Press Service.

NEWS REPORTS FROM LOCAL No. 188

By C. E. DAVIS

THE BREAD DIVISION AND THE CAKE, PIE AND CRACKERS DIVISION WILL NOT HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE DIVISIONS WILL BE CALLED WHEN NECESSARY. THE DAIRY DIVISION WILL CONTINUE TO MEET AT 7 P. M. ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 62.

Mrs. Michael Worthall, wife of the recording secretary of Local No. 188, has returned to her home from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and is recovering gradually from her illness.

Private Robert Rogers, who is stationed with the Army in Death Valley, visited the offices of Local No. 135 and Local No. 188 recently. He is a member of Local No. 135.

The general office of the Bond Baking Company in New York City has approved a new contract between Local No. 188 and the company, covering 65 Indianapolis sales drivers. The contract provides for a closed shop and wage hikes. The wage increase features of the contract await approval by the War Labor Board.

A hearing on a dispute between Local No. 188 and the Weber Milk Company was conducted recently by Mr. Gregory, a representative of the War Labor Board's Trucking Commission. Both the local and the company submitted briefs to Mr. Gregory, and he has promised to give an opinion on the dispute soon. The local then will comment on Mr. Gregory's opinion before the matter goes before the War Labor Board for settlement. The local has asked that the salary guarantees of retail salesmen be increased from \$29 to \$32 a week, and that their commission on collections be increased from 14 to 16 per cent. The local wants the salary guarantee of the wholesale drivers to be increased from \$30 and \$32 to \$35 a week, and a commission hike from six and three-fourths per cent to eight per cent. Also requested by the local is a \$4 a week wage jump for inside employees.

Negotiations have been started by Local No. 188 with the Indiana Condensed Milk Company for a new contract covering Sheridan employees of the company. The first contract signed by the local and the company expired May 31. The local has requested a 12 cents an hour increase for the employees, and the company so far has offered raises of 5 cents an hour. The first contract provided for a closed shop and check-off.

A hearing on a dispute which arose between Local No. 188 and the Polk Milk Company will be conducted soon in Indianapolis by the War Labor Board, the local has been advised.

Get Ready to Be Bombed

By OGD Director JAMES M. LANDIS
As Told to Martin Agronsky

Editor's Note—Every American wants to know, "What are our chances of being bombed?" This question is answered with startling frankness by James M. Landis, director of the United States Office of Civilian Defense, in the following story.)

Enemy bombs may well be dropping on American cities before the end of 1943. I make this unhappy statement because I feel it my duty to warn the citizens of this country that the day of our trial by fire may be much closer than the great majority of our people realize.

I do not say this in an attempt to frighten you or even to make you more conscious of the necessity for civilian air raid defense. I make it because persons whose business it is to evaluate the chances of our being bombed, convince me that before this year is out the air raid sirens may blow in earnest in at least a few, and maybe many American cities.

We have reason to believe that the Nazis today possess bombers which, starting from the French coast, could reach New York, Philadelphia and others of our Eastern coastal cities with a substantial bomb load. We know furthermore that these same planes have a proved operating range of several thousand miles.

Could Return Safely

We also believe that due to engine improvements and various other technical changes, the Nazis may have been able to add several additional thousands of miles cruising range to this established radius. With that range these giant Nazi bombers could fly the Atlantic from France to our eastern coastal cities, drop their deadly cargoes, and unless intercepted, return safely to their bases.

Starting from a Nazi Norwegian base located at, say Bergen, enemy bombers of this type could raid Cleveland, Detroit, or Buffalo.

Secret Land Bases

But the menace of long range Nazi bombers able to fly the Atlantic, drop their bombs and return to their bases is not the only one we face. There is the additional and very real danger that somewhere in the central plateau of Greenland, in the icy windswept wilds of Labrador, or in the almost uninhabited Hudson Bay Region, the Nazis may attempt to establish secret land bases. Hidden in these wild and relatively unexplored lands of ice and snow, such points could be used by Nazi bombers as intermediate stops en route to raids on our eastern cities.

A third method, and again a practical one, which we could expect the Germans to employ in opening a campaign of aerial bombardment, is the use of carriers. Though much of the information we possess about Germany's aircraft carrier potentialities is secret, there is reason to believe that the Nazis have built, as others have built, numbers of small carriers converted from medium and large ships of their merchant marine.

These converted carriers are capable of transporting and launching bombers with adequate ranges and carrying good-sized bomb loads. With luck it is not an impossibility that converted carriers of this type could approach within a couple of hundred miles of our eastern coast and launch their raiders.

Subs Might Provide Fuel

Another possibility exists for the Germans. That is the Nazi use of seaplane bombers which could refuel from German submarines spaced at appropriate points in the Atlantic. Again we must reckon that the raiders might approach within a couple of hundred miles of our shore without detection.

And finally, because of the shortage of carriers and the consistent superiority of the allied navies, the Germans have developed the use of catapult planes to a more considerable extent than has any other naval power. We know that since 1938 the Germans have been successfully launching two-engined bombers from cruisers and battleships. Taking advantage of weather, the Nazis might conceivably approach our eastern shores with a speedy task force and carry out a limited raid with planes of the catapult type.

Any one of these methods, or

even a simultaneous combination of all, could bring our homes and industries onto the active global battlefield at any moment Hitler or his henchmen decide to act.

Japs, Too, Are Menace

This Nazi menace to our eastern coast is duplicated factor for factor by the Japanese menace to our western coast. Furthermore, on our western coast we have an enormous concentration of vital areas at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle. Though this centralization of highly essential industry has been to some extent lessened in the past year, it still offers the most vital and in some ways the most inviting target in the United States.

The possibilities of Japanese attack with long-range bombers on our west coast are as real and near as those for a German attack on our east coast.

Ever Present Danger

I find it extremely difficult to get across this one fact to the American people—the fact that we live from day to day in what I can only say is an imminent danger of being bombed.

Americans must never forget that this nation is at war. Every sensible American should realize that a recognized rule of war is that victory follows the elimination of chance, so that every American civilian in protecting himself against the threat of bombardment can justifiably feel that he is playing the game of war according to its basic military rules.

My approach to my job as director of the Office of Civilian Defense, is based on the premise that you cannot know what the enemy is going to do. You can know, however, that if the enemy knows you are ready—and knows moreover that the damage he can inflict is liable to be considerably curtailed by your preparations—he is much less likely to begin the aerial bombing attacks which have spread such horror and destruction in other less fortunate countries than these United States.

AFL MEMBERSHIP AGAIN BOOSTED TO NEW HIGH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the AFL Executive Council that the dues-paid membership in the Federation at the end of April stood at the all-time high total of 6,226,950.

The Council expressed gratification over this direct proof of the Federation's steady growth and directed that the AFL's organizing campaigns in various fields be continued unabated.

No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a Labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!



ALL-AMERICAN GIRL.—Pictured above is a veteran of the assembly bench 22-year-old Anne Weinmen, who inspects pistons for airplane engines in a Midwest union plane plant. This official OWI photo by Ann Rosener is issued by the WPB Labor Press Service.

TRAVIS WINS PAY HIKE FOR DRIVERS

When the Foster Freight Lines refused to comply with an agreement to pay \$7.20 to their drivers for trips from Indianapolis to Chicago, paying only \$6.46, Brother Bruce Travis, business agent for Local No. 135, protested vigorously.

After calling the attention of the Central States Drivers' Council to the agreement violation, Brother Travis obtained results. The company began to pay the \$7.20 rate, but attempted to insist that it was doing so of its own free will, and not because of any pressure from Brother Travis.

TEAMSTER GREETSON DURING AFRICA BATTLE

A year ago, James D. White of Cedar Rapids, Ia., a veteran of World War I, re-enlisted in the Navy. His son, James W. White, 17, enlisted in the Navy a short time later. Each was sent to separate duty.

A few weeks ago, the father and son, serving on ships which were getting supplies to America's fighting forces, were reunited temporarily during the height of the attack on North Africa.

Prior to re-entering the Navy, the father was secretary of the Cedar Rapids local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

EMPLOYERS SWING INTO LINE UNDER COUNCIL PRESSURE

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Brother Clyde B. Birdsong is president of Local No. 215.

Called Outstanding Example

Brother Dexter L. Lewis, director of the Council, described the victory as "an outstanding example of what can be accomplished without strikes when the co-ordinated efforts of all Teamsters' unions in a specified area are used on an employer."

A campaign to get the companies to abide by the agreement and to pay back wages due the employees was an unusually difficult one because of the necessity of adhering to the "no-strike" pledge for the duration.

"Much credit must be given the employees of the companies who waited patiently and suffered until their employers could be made to see the light," Brother Williams said.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

President Walter E. Biggs spent three days in Chicago last week attending the Central States meeting, and, as announced in this month's International Teamster and Indiana Teamster, much good was accomplished along the line of straightening out some of the bad boys in the freight business.

Representative Gibson of the freight division, says he is working a swing shift these days and nights in trying to keep up with the movements of the drivers in his division.

Representative Hansen reports that new contracts have been negotiated with the bread companies, with a wage increase, subject to the approval of the War Labor Board, being provided.

Representative Snyder hasn't come up with any potatoes, and our horse meat market still is in business. How about an exchange, Buck?

I wonder if, despite all the high water, Birdsong still calls it the garden spot of America.

Summer must be here. The girls in our office have taken the fans out of the moth balls and are running them wide open.

BUY MORE AND MORE WAR BONDS.

Local in Honolulu Seeks Organizing Help From Indiana

A Teamsters' union in Honolulu, Hawaii, in the midst of an organizing campaign, has called upon Brother Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local No. 135, and Brother O. B. Keller, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local No. 188, for help.

Here is part of a letter just received by Brother Williams and Brother Keller:

"As we are now engaged in an organizing campaign among the teamsters in various industries, we will appreciate it if you will send us copies of agreements you may have on hand.

"We are certain that the copies will aid us as we are endeavoring to raise our standards equal to those existing in the continental United States.

"With best of wishes, I remain,

"Fraternally yours,

"Lawrence M. Shigeura,

"Business Representative,

"Teamsters Local Union

No. 22398,

"Honolulu, Hawaii."

Both Brother Williams and Brother Keller plan to respond quickly to the request.

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